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SUBJECT: CCMS: DISASTER ASSISTANCE, INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING FACILITY

REF: (A) USNATO 5981; (B) STATE 190723; (C) ANKARA 7290

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REACHED CONCLUSION THAT ESTABLISHING
INTERNATIONAL DISASTER TRAINING FACILITY IN TURKEY FOR
SENIOR DISASTER MANAGERS NOT PRESENTLY FEASIBLE.
RATHER, GOT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP MORE
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PRACTICAL FIELD LEVEL TRAINING FACILITY AS OUTLINED
BELOW TOWARD WHICH SOME SPECIFIED US ASSISTANCE
COULD BE EXPECTED. CONCLUSION BASED ON AID/FDRC
FIELD INVESTIGATION IN TURKEY AND SUBSEQUENT APPRAISAL

OF RESOURCES FOR US CONTRIBUTION. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM INTERESTED GOT OFFICIALS OF ESSENCE OF DEPARTMENT CONCLUSION AND EXTENT OF US WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WITH INTERNATIONAL FIELD LEVEL TRAINING FACILITY. EMBASSY MAY ALSO DRAW ON NOVEMBER 2, 1973 MCCLURE (AID/FDRC) MEMO TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER WITH MAHLER RECOMMENDATIONS ATTACHED.

2. FIELD INVESTIGATION HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, THE PHYSICAL PLANT, OR THE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE FOR SENIOR DISASTER MANAGERS. SHOULD SUCH A COURSE BE ESTABLISHED IN TURKEY IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO INVEST CONSIDERABLE SUMS OF MONEY, TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND EQUIPMENT ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

3. WE ESTIMATE THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY FOR 30 SENIOR DISASTER MANAGERS TO BE ON FOLLOWING ORDER OF MAGNITUDE:

	PER YEAR	
1. PER DIEM FOR PARTICIPANTS		DOLS 25,000
2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR PARTICIPANTS		DOLS 45,000
3. SALARY AND EXPENSES US TECHNICIAN ADVISOR		DOLS 45,000
4. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM - GUEST EXPERTS		DOLS 10,000
5. EQUIPMENT		DOLS 5,000
6. TRANSLATION SERVICES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE		
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3 LANGUAGES		DOLS 20,000
7. BOOKS AND MATERIALS		DOLS 5,000
TOTAL		DOLS 155,000

THESE FIGURES ASSUME THAT GOT FURNISHES BUILDING, VEHICLES, LIBRARY WITH MATERIALS IN THREE LANGUAGES, BI-LINGUAL SECRETARIAL STAFF, BI-LINGUAL TEACHING STAFF FOR BASIC SUBJECTS, IN-COUNTRY AIR AND LAND TRAVEL, REPRODUCTION AND ART SERVICES, AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES AND OTHER SUPPORTING SERVICES.

4. THE US IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A LARGE INVESTMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT IS UNLIKELY, EVEN IF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MADE SUCH A COMMITMENT, THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTRACT SUFFICIENT INTEREST ON THE PART OF HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. ALSO THE LOCATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER TRAINING SEMINAR IN THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES A WEALTH OF RESOURCES THAT COULD NOT BE PROVIDED WERE THE SEMINAR TO BE RELOCATED. (UNIVERSITIES, OTHER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES,

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE LIKE). TRANSPLANTING AID'S INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING SEMINAR TO ANKARA WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED EXPENSE AND LOSS OF TRAINING QUALITY. IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF DISASTER-PRONE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO DEVELOP A DISASTER MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY USING THE VERY BEST RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

5. RECOGNIZING THE INTEREST OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN DEVELOPING A TRAINING FACILITY AND WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE CONSIDERABLE PAST DISCUSSION THAT HAS OCCURRED BETWEEN THE US, TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND CCMS, WE PROPOSE THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP THEIR EXISTING CIVIL DEFENSE FACILITY TO TRAIN "ON THE SCENE TYPE" DISASTER OPERATIONS STAFFS IN THE MOST RECENT TECHNIQUES OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FIGHTING, RESCUE AND FIRST AID AT THE FIELD LEVEL. A COURSE OF THIS TYPE, KEYED TOWARD TRAINING INSTRUCTORS IN THE FIELDS MENTIONED IS BADLY NEEDED BY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL IN LDC'S.

6. THE COST OF OPERATING SUCH A FACILITY WOULD BE SOMEWHAT DECREASED FROM THE ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATING A COURSE FOR DISASTER MANAGERS. HOWEVER, GOT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BUDGET FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR PARTICIPANTS (DOLS 50-60,000 PER YEAR). IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY THAT LDC'S WILL SEND ENGLISH SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS TO THIS TYPE OF COURSE THUS SAVING TRANSLATOR COSTS. GOT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TRANSLATE WRITTEN MATERIAL FROM FRENCH, SPANISH AND TURKISH TO ENGLISH.

7. A COURSE OF THIS TYPE MIGHT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF AN EMERGENCY SYSTEM.

2. FUNCTIONS OF EMERGENCY SYSTEMS.
3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS.
4. COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.
5. MILITARY SUPPORT.
6. PROTECTION OF FACILITIES.
7. ESTABLISHING PRIORITY ACTION FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.
8. MAINTAINING LIAISON AMONG THE VARIOUS PARTICIPATING SERVICES.
9. RESCUE TECHNIQUES.

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10. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT.
11. ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC APPLICATION.
12. SIMULATION EXERCISES.
13. OTHER MATERIALS.

8. IF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WISHES USG ASSISTANCE WE ARE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS EXPERIENCED IN SUCH FIELDS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TDY ASSIGNMENTS IN ANKARA. WE WOULD ALSO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN DESIGNING AND ESTABLISHING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH A COURSE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF TDY ASSIGNMENTS FOR TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE TECHNICIANS FOR 30 TO 60 DAYS. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE LIMITED ASSISTANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

9. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ANY GOT REACTION TO US OFFER OF SPECIFIED ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL FIELD LEVEL TRAINING FACILITY.

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